



**IN THE UNITED STATES
PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT : Stephen G. Evangelides, Jr.
SERIAL NO. : 10/621,115
TITLE : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PERFORMING SYSTEM
MONITORING IN A TERMINAL INDEPENDENT INTERFACE
LOCATED BETWEEN A TERRESTRIAL OPTICAL TERMINAL
AND AN UNDERSEA OPTICAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEM
FILED : 07/16/2003
EXAMINER : Shi K. Li
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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a),
AND AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Applicants hereby petition the Assistant Commissioner to grant a three (3) month extension of time, up to and including Friday, June 3, 2005, in which to respond to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2004 in the above-identified application. The extension fee in the amount of \$510.00 may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047. In addition, any deficiencies may be charged to deposit account No. 50-1047.

In response to the Office Action mailed December 3, 2004, the period for response thereto having been extended by a Petition therefore and payment of the extension fee, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows: